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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 3 Fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 3 fire at 3501 Kemp Ave.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 6:50 p.m. on Thursday March 12, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 3 fire on 3501 Kemp Ave. when residents called 911. Upon arriving on the scene at 6:54 p.m., crews found heavy smoke coming from the rear of the house. After a preliminary search, crews evacuated a 51-year-old male and a 45-year-old female and began fighting the fire located in the back bedroom of the house.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 7:40 p.m. and contain it to approximately 60% of the house, estimated at \$100,000 of damage. The cause of the fire will be undetermined.

The residents were treated for minor injuries and smoke inhalation, but refused transport to a nearby hospital. There were no injuries to fire personnel. A total of 15 units and 36 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, Texas Gas Service, El Paso Electric, El Paso Planning and Inspections and the American Red Cross assisted in the incident.

The residents of the house said they were first alerted of the fire when their smoke alarm went off. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Detector Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke detector who live within the city limits of El Paso, own their home and are willing to let the El Paso Fire Department make the installation, can request a FREE smoke detector by calling 485-5699 or by visiting www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department.

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